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# News Release

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## Labor Fire: Fire behavior continues to remain moderate

**Fredonia, Ariz., Sept. 8, 2016 — For Immediate Release.** Firefighters continued to see moderate growth on the Labor Fire, which is currently 272 acres. Today's operations focused on conducting small-scale burnout operations along Forest Service Road 279 to secure the eastern portion of the 430-acre planning area boundary and continuing to monitor fire behavior and weather conditions.

“By conducting small-scale burnout operations along the 279, we were able to secure the eastern edge of the planning area today and minimize potential smoke impacts to Highway 89A,” said Type-4 Incident Commander trainee James Swapp.

Tomorrow's operations may include strategic firing operations on several interior ridgetops. As natural flame migration is to travel uphill increasing the risk of a high severity fire, strategic firing operations can be utilized at the top of a ridgeline so flame migration is forced downhill, keeping fire intensity low, decreasing the fire's rate of spread, and enabling firefighters to limit the severity of smoke impacts; a key concern for North Zone fire managers as they discussed tomorrow's operational plan to continue tactical firing operations along Highway 89A, while continuing to monitor weather conditions, fire behavior, and smoke impacts along the highway.

Tomorrow's forecasted west winds are expected to remain the same at 10-to-20 mph, while lower relative humidity and slightly higher temperatures are expected to help increase consumption of fuels along the planning-area floor.

As a reminder to hunters and forest visitors, light smoke impacts to Highway 89A varied throughout the day, and although no traffic delays occurred, drivers are asked to use caution when traveling in the vicinity of firefighting operations, observe all posted signs and any traffic-control measures that may be in place.

**Date/Time Reported:** Monday, Sept. 5, 2016

**Location:** Approximately 19.5 miles southeast of Fredonia and 3.5 miles northwest of Jacob Lake

**Cause:** Lightning

**Size:** 272 acres

**Fuel Type:** Predominantly ponderosa pine

**Fire Behavior:** Low intensity with 1-to-6 inch flame lengths

**Planning Area:** 430 acres

**Anticipated Smoke Impact:** Light smoke is anticipated within the vicinity of Jacob Lake. For more information on how smoke can affect you, please visit [www.phoenixvis.net/PPMmain.aspx](http://www.phoenixvis.net/PPMmain.aspx).

Additional information is available through the Kaibab National Forest Fire Information Phone Line (928) 635-8311 or via text message – text ‘follow kaibabnf’ to 40404.

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